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The American bomber flying over Lithuania on 8 April 1950 fired on the three Soviet fighter planes which had intercepted it. Consequently, the Soviet fighters shot it down. The American flyers were saved, but they will never be repatriated.

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